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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT - CIVIL
AVIATION (05.04)

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. EMBOFF CONTACTED STRICKLER
(05.0405) IN IRKUTSK AND CONVEYED MESSAGE REFTEL C.
(ALBRECHT (05.0402) DELEGATION HAD ALREADY DEPARTED
USSR WHEN REFTEL RECEIVED.) STRICKLER REPORTED USDEL
TRIED TO PAY FOR ITS TICKETS BUT SOVIET HOSTS WOULD
NOT ACCEPT PAYMENT. USDEL HOWEVER, MADE IT CLEAR WE
COULD NOT RECIPROCATATE IN US.

2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED TICKETING PROBLEM WITH MINISTRY
OF CIVIL AVIATION SMUROV WHEN REFTEL B RECEIVED.
SMUROV EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND STATED THAT AEROFLOT REP
HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO PAY FOR SOVDEL TICKETS, AND THAT
HE WOULD CABLE WASHINGTON TO REAFFIRM INSTRUCTIONS.
HE WAS SOMEWHAT PUZZLED BY SOVDEL INSISTING THAT AEROFLO
MANAGER ACCOMPANY IT TO SEATTLE. HE PROMISED TO SEEK
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3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: PER REFTEL D, DR.
YURI A. SMUROV REPLACED PIVOVAROV WHO HAS A LONG
HISTORY OF HEALTH PROBLEMS. SMUROV HAS BEEN LESS
COOPERATIVE THAN HIS PREDECESSOR. IN CONTRAST TO THE
CONGENIAL PIVOVAROV, HE HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BLOCKED

SCICOUNS ACCESS TO MRS. ANODINA, THE CIVAIR WG
CHAIRMAN. WE DO NOT HAVE FURTHER INFO ON SMUROV'S APPOIN
MENT BUT WILL TRY TO FIND OUT MORE. PERHAPS WASHINGTON
AGENCIES CAN PROVIDE BIO INFO. END CONFIDENTIAL. TOON

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